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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF US HAWK LOADER TRANSPORTERS FOR NETHER-
LANDS

REFS: A. MSG CDRMICOM 251636Z APR 75.

B. STATE 093071.

1. MESSAGE TRANSMITS INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF
HAWK MISSILE SYSTEMS LOADER TRANSPORTERS, M-501E2, FROM U.S. MARINE
CORPS. US MEMBER (COL LYNCH) OF NATO-HAWK BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)
RECEIVED COPY OF MICOM INSTRUCTIONS TO US NATO-HAWK LIAISON
OFFICER (USNHLO) WHICH SUMMARIZED CURRENT SITUATION (REF A).
TEXT (WITH MINOR GRAMMATICAL MODIFICATIONS) FOLLOW.
BEGIN TEXT.

1. USMC HAS AGREED TO FREE ISSUE 40 EACH LOADER TRANSPORTERS
XM501E2 TO THE US ARMY FOR USE AT PUEBLO ARMY DEPOT
(PUAD) FOR CONTROLLED CANNIBALIZATION OF REPAIR PARTS. COST OF
TRANSPORTATION WILL BE INCURRED BY US ARMY.

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2. YOU STATED THAT US MEMBER, NAPLO BOD, HAS SUGGESTED TO
COUNTERPARTS THAT SOME LOADER TRANSPORTERS COULD OR MIGHT BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO NHPLO FOR NOMINAL COSTS, E.E., TRANSPORTATION
COSTS AND/OR 10 PERCENT OF FOB PRICE FROM CALIFORNIA OR COLORADO.

YOU FURTHER REQUESTED NAHALO BE ADVISED WHETHER OR NOT THESE ITEMS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO NHPLO AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS.

3. REQUEST ALL CONCERNED BE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT LOADER TRANSPORTERS ARE IN POOR CONDITION AND WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION TO CONVERT FROM E2 TO E3 CONFIGURATION. DECISION TO ACQUIRE SUBJECT LOADERS BY US ARMY WAS PREDICATED ON THE IMPROVED HAWK CONVERSION FACILITY'S CAPABILITY TO COST EFFECTIVELY CANNIBALIZE THE LOADERS FOR PARTS AND COMPONENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN SHORT SUPPLY.

4. THE HAWK PROJECT OFFICE CONTACTED USMC THROUGH ESTABLISHED LIAISON CHANNELS TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING SIX EACH LOADER TRANSPORTERS TO NHPLO. USMC HAS INDICATED THAT THIS REQUEST CAN BE GRANTED VIA FMS CASE DIRECT TO USMC. FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CMC, WASHINGTON, DC, CODE LMW.

END TEXT.

2. IN PARA 3 OF QUOTED MESSAGE THE STATEMENT REGARDING EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS TO CONVERT FROM E2 TO E3 CONFIGURATION IS INAPPLICABLE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT THE NETHERLANDS (NOT THE NHPLO AS QUOTED INCORRECTLY ABOVE) HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE E2 CONFIGURATION IF AVAILABLE. IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH NETHERLANDS DIRECTOR (MG DIETERS) THE QUANTITY OF SIX LOADERS APPEARED TO BE APPROPRIATE. APPARENTLY THE USMC HAS INDICATED THAT IT COULD HONOR A REQUEST VIA FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CASE DIRECT TO THE USMC FOR TYPE AND QUANTITY INDICATED.

3. MISSION REQUESTS THAT CHMAAG PASS THIS MESSAGE TO DIRMATAIR (MG DIETERS) AND IF APPROPRIATE ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FMS ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND CMDT USMC, CODE LMW.

4. AS MISSION HAS POINTED OUT AND WASHINGTON HAS ACKNOWLEDGED (REF B), CONCLUSION OF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS ON THIS MATTER PRIOR TO THE NEXT BOD MEETING (23-27 JUNE 75) IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.
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SUPPLY OF EXCESS LOADERS FROM US INVENTORY TO THE NETHERLANDS AT A FAIR PRICE WOULD SIGNAL GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE US AND WOULD PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL COMPLEMENT TO THE ADDITIONAL IMPROVED HAWK EQUIPMENT ALREADY ORDERED FROM THE US BY THE NETHERLANDS.
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